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PAYING TRIBUTE TO WALTER
LLOYD BELL

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 26, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Walter Lloyd Bell, one of the founding fathers of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department. Known to his family and friends as Lloyd, he passed away on Saturday, July 15, 2006, at the age of 80.

After serving his country in the Navy during World War II, Lloyd returned to Las Vegas and began his career in law enforcement at the Clark County Sheriff's Office. In 1955, at the age of 29, Lloyd became the youngest person to become County Undersheriff. Three years later, he graduated from the FBI Academy, the first member of the department to do so.

Lloyd served on the Nevada Gaming Control Board from 1961 until 1963, when he rejoined the law enforcement community. In 1968, he served on the committee that created the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department by uniting the Las Vegas Police Department and the Clark County Sheriff's Office.

Lloyd retired from the Sheriff's Office in 1973 and moved on to the private sector, owning 13 shoe stores and a beauty salon. The ambition and dedication that allowed Lloyd to make such a positive impact on the law enforcement community in Las Vegas made him a successful business owner, as well.

Lloyd was a devoted husband and a proud father who enjoyed spending time with his family. He and his wife Patricia raised two daughters, Ashley Bell and Courtney Bell Vincent.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Lloyd Bell for his accomplishments and his law enforcement service. I thank him for his participation in the ambitious task of creating the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department and I applaud his long record of distinguished service. He has truly had a great impact on the safety and well-being of the Las Vegas community, and he will be greatly missed.

TRIBUTE TO THE NUGENT FAMILY
OF HERNANDO COUNTY, FL

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 26, 2006

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Rich and Wendy Nugent and their three sons, Ryan, Kyle, and Casey. The Nugent family is being honored by the Disabled American Veterans of Brooksville, Florida for their outstanding service and commitment to the military.

Rich and Wendy Nugent moved from Chicago to Hernando County, Florida in 1984. After receiving their respective degrees in pub-

lic administration and education, Rich joined the police force and Wendy joined the Hernando County school system. Both immediately excelled in their careers, yet remained dedicated to their sons' activities and their family values. Rich and Wendy have continued to be very involved in their sons' lives. All parents understand the difficulty in balancing time between work and family and greatly respect and admire Rich and Wendy for their active commitment and devotion to raising their children.

In 2004, Rich and Wendy's oldest son, Ryan, 25, graduated from West Point Army Academy with a degree in Information Systems Engineering. He has since returned from his service in Korea where he served in the 4th Brigade, 73rd Cavalry, and 82nd Airborne. After earning rank as 1st Lieutenant at pre-Ranger school in Ft. Bragg, North Carolina, Ryan is currently a lieutenant in the Army taking Ranger courses.

Kyle, 19, graduated from Springstead High School in 2005 with a four-year Army ROTC scholarship to the University of Tampa, where he is currently a sophomore studying Criminology. Having served as commander of the Civil Air Patrol and Chief of Operations for the Air Force ROTC, Kyle has decided to continue his involvement with the military in Tampa. Kyle was also the former captain of Springstead's swim and track team, and was named Athlete of the Year prior to his graduation. Kyle's success in athletics has led him to an esteemed position as the coxswain on the four-man and eight-man rowing team at the University of Tampa.

In 2006, Casey, 18, also graduated from Springstead High School where he served as commander of the Color Guard of the Air Force ROTC and Corps Commander. Following in both of his brothers' footsteps, Casey was captain of Springstead's swim team and active in the Civil Air Patrol. He entered West Point Academy on June 26 and I am very proud and honored to have sponsored his nomination.

With their excellent guidance and active involvement in Ryan, Kyle, and Casey's lives, Rich and Wendy Nugent have raised three very well-rounded and mature young men. In today's society, it is a joy to see a family dedicated to such high family values and committed to serving their country.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to honor the Nugents, as they truly exemplify what our Nation stands for. Rich and Wendy are admirable parents who deserve recognition for demonstrating the importance of American values and service. Ryan, Kyle, and Casey have become extraordinary young men who are proud and eager to "be all they can be." I would like to thank the Nugents for their exceptional dedication to the United States, and I wish Ryan, Kyle, and Casey the best of luck in their future endeavors. I know they will succeed on whatever path they wish to embark upon.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DALE
ANTONICH

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 26, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dale Antonich, who is retiring after 33

years of service with the National Park Service.

Dale began his career with the National Park Service as a seasonal park ranger at the Grand Canyon in 1972. For the next four years, Dale held a variety of seasonal laborer, park technician and ranger jobs. His seasonal employment included assignments in the Grand Canyon, Lake Mead National Recreation Area (NRA) and Death Valley National Park. In 1977, he accepted a full-time career position as a park technician at Golden Gate National Park. Dale accepted a promotion in 1981 as a park ranger in the Santa Monica Mountains NRA. In 1984, Dale moved from the Santa Monica Mountains NRA to the Grand Teton National Park, accepting a promotion to law enforcement specialist park ranger. In 1986, Dale was selected for the Chief Ranger position at Death Valley National Park. He became the Chief Ranger at Lake Mead NRA in 1991, a position he held for the remainder of his career.

Over the course of his 33 year career, Dale has received a number of awards: the Commendation for a Rescue at Grand Canyon, and the Member of Unit Citation for Rescue at Lake Mead in 1974; he received the Commendation for Rescue performed at Golden Gate National Park in 1978; the Sustained Superior Performance Award in 1984; and the U.S. Department of the Interior Award for Rescue in 1991. Dale also received the highest award that can be bestowed upon a ranger by his peers, the Henry Yount Award. He received this award in 1999 from then-Vice President Al Gore.

Dale has dedicated his professional career to the mission of the National Parks Service. He has committed his life to the resources, park visitors, park staff and our partners. He has provided leadership in the development and management of emerging operations, and the professionalization of ranger positions within the National Park System.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Dale Antonich for his years spent the National Park Service. Dale's experience, commitment, contributions and dedication to his job will be surely missed. I wish him the best with his retirement.

PROCTER & GAMBLE'S MEHOOPANY,
PENNSYLVANIA PLANT

HON. DON SHERWOOD

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 26, 2006

Mr. SHERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I want to bring to the attention of my colleagues a very important and significant economic milestone in northeastern Pennsylvania that will be celebrated in August. Procter & Gamble's Mehoopany, Pennsylvania, paper products facility, which has been in operation since 1966, will be commemorating its 40th year with an open house and anniversary ceremonies on August 17, 18 and 19.

The Mehoopany plant is the largest P&G plant in North America. It was the first paper products plant built by Procter & Gamble after the company's acquisition of the Charmin Paper Products Company in 1957. It is one of seven P&G paper products plants in the United States and one of more than 70 plants of all products.

I am very proud of the contribution the plant and its workforce provide to our regional and national economy. As a lifelong resident of Wyoming County, where the plant is located, I have seen friends and neighbors for the past four decades benefit from wonderful career opportunities and the ability to earn an honest, stable living at the Mehoopany plant.

The plant is a cornerstone of economic growth and stability in my region with its 2,300 employees and payroll of \$175,000,000. In addition, there are another 4,000 people employed as suppliers and vendors. Plant employees live in six northeastern Pennsylvania counties—Bradford, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Sullivan, Susquehanna and Wyoming.

Procter & Gamble gives back to the people of the region with community and charitable giving of nearly \$450,000.

The people of my region are very proud of the role the Mehoopany plant plays in providing essential products to the daily lives of our nation's citizens. Consumers in this country benefit from the fine array of paper products, including Bounty towels and napkins, Charmin toilet tissue and Pampers and Luvs Diapers. Products produced at the facility reach over 1,000,000 consumers each day.

I want to offer my congratulations to the employees and management of the Procter & Gamble Mehoopany plant as they celebrate their first 40 years, meet current challenges and look forward to the continued growth of the plant.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO COLONEL
JOHN F. GROOM

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 26, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Colonel John F. Groom, who passed away on Tuesday, July 11, 2006. He will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery on August 8, 2006.

John was originally from Rochester, NY where he attended Brockport State University earning a bachelor's degree. He later attended Syracuse Law School but received his law degree from Western Law School in San Diego after he retired from the military.

Col. Groom had a long and distinguished career with the United States Air Force, highlighted by his command of the Thunderbirds aerial demonstration team at Nellis Air Force Base in 1962 and service as an airstrike adviser to Army General William Westmoreland in Vietnam. Col. Groom was in training during World War II, and flew B-29s during the Korean War. In 1965, Col. Groom served as director of inland airstrikes under an effort code-named Tiger Hound. Later, he attended the National War College at Fort McNair in Washington, DC. He went on to become the last commander of Wheelus Air Base in Tripoli, Libya, before it closed in 1970. Col. Groom was a key player in the evacuation of Tripoli and was responsible for getting American citizens out of the city following the coup d'Etat led by Moammar Kadafi in 1970.

John spent the last fifteen years of his life living in Las Vegas. John leaves behind his wife Barbara, sons John Jr. and Tom, four grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker I am proud to honor the life of Col. John F. Groom. His service to this country is admirable and shows that he was truly a patriot. He will surely be missed.

CONGRATULATING COMMANDER
WILLIAM "BO" STEWART ON THE
OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT
FROM THE UNITED STATES
NAVY

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 26, 2006

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize and pay tribute to Commander William "Bo" Stewart, United States Navy, on the occasion of his retirement from active duty. I commend Commander Stewart for his 21 years of faithful and selfless service to the United States Navy, and I salute him for his dedication to protecting freedom, ensuring liberty and defending the principles of this country.

A 1983 Citadel graduate, Commander Stewart joined the Navy in 1985. In addition to earning a Masters' Degree in Business Management from Troy State, his formal military education included Aviation Officer Candidate School, where he earned his "Wings of Gold" as a Naval Aviator, SH-3H "Sea King" training and UH-1N training at HC-16.

In 1987 Commander Stewart reported to San Diego, CA for his first assignment with Helicopter Squadron Fourteen, the "Chargers." After completing his tour aboard the USS *Ranger* with the "Chargers," Commander Stewart was stationed at NAS Whiting Field for his first shore tour as a flight instructor for Helicopter Training Squadron Eight. In 1993, he returned to sea duty aboard the USS *Nassau* serving as the Assistant Air Officer and Aircraft Handling Officer, deploying to Haiti and the Adriatic Sea. Following this assignment, he was ordered back to shore in Jacksonville, FL where he served as the Officer in Charge of the Surface Rescue Swimmer School and as an instructor pilot in the SH-3H and SH-60F/H at Helicopter Antisubmarine Squadron One (HS-1), the "Sea Horses."

Commander Stewart returned to sea in 1997 joining Helicopter Antisubmarine Squadron Five, the "Night Dippers," as the Maintenance Officer, deploying from USS *John C. Stennis* and USS *John F. Kennedy*. In 1999, Commander Stewart went to the Naval Personnel Command where he served as Deputy Director and Director of Restricted Line and Staff Corps Distribution and Special Placement Division. In February of 2003, Commander Stewart assumed his final post as Executive Officer of Naval Air Station Pensacola, FL.

Commander Stewart's personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal (five awards), and the Navy Achievement Medal, along with other personal and unit citations. During his naval career, Commander Stewart accumulated over 4,000 hours of flight time in the following airframes: SH-60F/H, SH-3H/D, UH-1, TH-57, and T-34C.

Mr. Speaker, Commander Stewart answered the call to duty with an unmatched determination. Through his honorable service he gave

so much to Pensacola, our Navy, and our Nation. He will be missed by the United States Navy, but he leaves a great legacy behind for future generations to follow.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL
MURPHY

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 26, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my good friend, Michael Murphy, for his service as Clark County Coroner and recognition as the 2006 Clark County Director of the Year.

Before embarking on a law enforcement career, Michael earned a doctorate in Business Administration from California Pacific University. He began his service career in Kansas City, Kansas as a police officer, and after moving to Nevada, Michael became a captain with the Boulder City Police Department. He later served as the Chief of Police for nine years with the City of Mesquite Police Department. He then moved on to the position of Commander at the City of Las Vegas Department of Detention and Enforcement, and was quickly promoted to Deputy Chief.

In addition to his law enforcement service, Michael takes the time to share his expertise with others as a guest lecturer and instructor, including speaking to law enforcement agencies in Russia, China, and Azerbaijan.

Currently, as Clark County Coroner, Michael uses his thirty years of experience to manage programs, staff, and policy objectives, among other things. Michael is intrigued by the science of his office, despite his lack of scientific training. Since his appointment as Coroner in May of 2003, he has led the coroner's office in establishing a Cold Case Unit, which has since closed an amazing 29 cases. He also served for six months as acting Director of the Department of Juvenile Justice Services until a new director was found. Despite the long and taxing hours required by his position, he finds his work as Coroner to be one of the most fulfilling jobs he's had.

In June of 2006, during the Clark County Employee Service Awards, where the unwavering efforts of those who serve the public and efficiently spend taxpayer dollars are recognized, Michael's innovation and hard work earned him the title of "Director of the Year."

Of all that Michael has to be proud of, his family tops the list. His 26-year-old son, Brandon, and his daughter-in-law, Megan, are expecting their first daughter, to be named Caitlin, in August.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Michael Murphy for his outstanding service as Clark County Coroner. I congratulate him on being named Clark County Director of the Year, and commend his dedication to law enforcement in Nevada. Michael is a very good friend and serves as a role model for us all.